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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE OCT 1 1946	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/16-19/46	REPORT MADE BY JOHN N. DORAN
TITLE SYED SIBTAY HASAN, was: Syed Sibtay Hasan Rizvi, Saiyed Sibtay Hasan Rizvi, Sibtay Hasan			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C
SYNOPSIS OF <i>Currie</i> Subject born 7/31/12 at Azamgarh, U. P. India. Is citizen of British India. Entered USA at Bangor, Maine, 3/22/46 on student visa. He is registered student for M. A. degree in Public Law and Government at Columbia University, NYC. Subject contacted WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, Chairman, CP, USA, to whom he transmitted certain papers. FOSTER instructed him to contact EUGENE DENNIS. Subject listed as instructor in 1946 Fall term catalog of JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE as having B. A. and L.L.B. degrees. Subject is described as Indian press delegate to U. K. Background set out.			
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REFERENCE		Bureau File #100-344368. Bureau letter, 6/19/46.	
DETAILS This investigation is predicated upon information received from Confidential Informant T-1 to the effect that on April 11, 1946 the subject, who is from India, indicated to BESS DE JONG of National Headquarters of the Communist Party, that he had seen WILLIAM Z. FOSTER and left certain papers with him. This informant further advised that FOSTER instructed the subject to contact EUGENE DENNIS. Confidential Informant T-1 further advised that on April 17, 1946 he was present when EUGENE DENNIS advised JAMES ALLEN that he wanted him to meet an Indian friend, believed to be the subject of instant case. ALLEN said the young fellow, a student, was around and that he was going to see him on			
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Monday (April 22, 1946).

BACKGROUND DATA

At the office of the Registrar of Columbia University, New York City, Miss MADELINE SCULLY made available a record reflecting that SYED SIBTAY HASAN, city residence 510 West 113th Street, registered for a graduate course in History, namely, British Empire Commonwealth and Studies in European History. However, the subject withdrew from the course on July 9, 1946 at its inception in order to avail himself of an opportunity to tour the United States and Canada as will be shown hereinafter.

The records at the office of the Registrar further reflected that the subject had intentions of working for a Master's Degree.

At the Office of Admissions, 322 Columbia University, the subject's file reflected that on March 28, 1946 he applied for admission to Columbia University under the graduate faculties of Political Science, Philosophy and Pure Science for the summer course to commence in July 1946. The following information concerning the subject was obtained from his application:

He was born at Azangarh, U. P., India, on July 31, 1912 and is a citizen of British India. He listed his occupation as a journalist. His home address is variously reflected as P. O. Amban, Azangarh, U. P., India, and as 56 Walkes Hivar Road, Bombay, India. His city residence is variously given as International House, 500 Riverside Drive; John Jay Building, Columbia University; and 510 West 113th Street, New York City. His education is listed as follows:

Wesley High School at Azangarh, 1921-1928, graduated April 1928;
Ewing Christian College at Allahabad, 1928-1930, graduated April 1930;
University of Allahabad at (illegible), 1930-1932, B. A. degree;
Muslim University at Aligarh, U. P., 1932-1934, LLB degree,
majored in English literature and history as an undergraduate and
has done graduate work in European History and Government.

A letter dated April 25, 1946 from the United States Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Bangor, Maine, reflected that the subject was admitted to the United States on March 22, 1946 as an immigrant student under Section 4(e) of the Immigration Act of May 26, 1924 to matriculate at Columbia University.

The subject's file at Columbia University further indicated that he was certain of the dollar exchange (\$1500 to \$2000) sufficient to cover expenses

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as a student for one year, stating he did not expect to receive financial aid from his government and that he planned to return to his country at the conclusion of his course.

Subject listed his employment as follows:

Full time employment after college as a journalist with the BOMBAY CHRONICLE DAILY, sub-editor, 1936;
NATIONAL HERALD DAILY, in Lucknow, 1940 to 1942;
Editor of literary papers, such as, Nayā Adab (Lucknow) and Payam (Hyderabad);
December 1945 - staff of Urdu Weekly, "Naya Zamana" (Bombay);
Edited three anthologies, including one volume of poetic selections;
As of August 1945 was secretary for five years to Anjuma-I-Tarraggi-I-Urdu (Bombay), an organization for the advancement of Urdu language and literature.

Confidential Informant T-2 stated that the subject had intended to commence his school studies in July 1946 but that he had been invited by one ALAN CURRIEMBOY, a fellow Indian student at the university, to tour the United States and Canada starting about July 15, 1946. This informant stated that subject has now returned to New York City and that on September 18, 1946 he made application for a course in Public Law and Government, apparently having changed his mind about taking the course in History. On September 18, 1946 subject again gave as his address 510 West 113th Street. Informant stated that the Public Law and Government course may be concluded in either June or August, 1947, depending on the option of the student, and that thus far the subject has not indicated his option.

Confidential Informant T-2 further stated that the subject is in the United States on a non-quota visa. Informant stated that in his opinion subject is a pro-Congress Indian rather than a pro-Moslem League Indian, the latter, according to T-2, representing the radical element among the Indians. Informant stated that the Indian Congress is pro-British and not subversive. Informant further stated that it was his understanding that the subject had been working for the United Nations as a correspondent. He described the subject as being of the "Rotarian" type and indicated that he appears to be a propagandist for India.

Mr. JOHN R. MOTT, Director of International House, 500 Riverside Drive, New York City, advised that he has no record of the subject having resided at that address but added that if he was a transient or had stayed

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only one or two nights the record would not be kept in order and therefore it would be very difficult to locate.

Mr. MOTT indicated that he himself lived in India for many years and is presently well acquainted with many of the Indians who have come to this country. He stated that he does not know the subject but that he is friendly with ALAN CURRIMBHOY, previously mentioned in instant report as having recently toured the United States and Canada with the subject. MOTT stated he personally knows that the tour was strictly a pleasure trip and that CURRIMBHOY bought a car in order to make the trip with his sister, HASAN, one Mrs. AHMAD and another unidentified Indian. He pointed out that CURRIMBHOY comes from a very wealthy family.

Confidential Informant T-3 stated that he learned from ALAN CURRIMBHOY that the subject was expelled from Aligara University in India for sponsoring a speech made by one NEHRU. This informant stated that according to CURRIMBHOY subject is either a socialist or a communist, that he has worked in the United States as a reporter for the United Nations and that he is on the executive committee of an Indian organization known as the Hindustan Association, of which CURRIMBHOY is President.

Confidential Informant T-3 stated that according to his source of information the subject is to be the editor of a paper which the Hindustan Association will start publishing in October 1946. Informant further stated that the headquarters of the association is to be the International House, 500 Riverside Drive, where CURRIMBHOY resides.

COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES

The September-December 1946 issue of the Fall catalog put out by the JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE, 575 Avenue of the Americas, New York City, reflects that SYED SIBTAY HASAN is to be an instructor in the course "India and the Middle East". He is described as an Indian press delegate to the United Nations, editor of publications known Asia and Africa; assistant editor of Peoples Age; former assistant editor of the NATIONAL HERALD DAILY (Pandit), and NEHRU's english daily, official organ of the Indian National Congress. Regarding the course of instruction to be given by HASAN, reference catalog reflects that the class will be hold on Mondays from 8:15 P.M. to 9:45 P.M. and that "This course will afford an insight into the crisis...It will explain the growth of the national democratic movement, examining the program of the Indian National Congress and the Pakistan demand of the Muslim League, together with the rise of labor and present movements. The main movements in the Arab world will be reviewed in terms of their significance in world politics. The nature of the Arab League and the democratic aspirations of

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the Arab missions in the various countries of the Middle East will be discussed". It was stated that subject has a B. A. and an L.L.B. degree.

MISCELLANEOUS

At Livingstone Hall, Room 102, Columbia University, Mr. T. A. McGOEY, Director of the University Residence Office, stated that according to the records of Miss M. E. KUNNEEN, office manager, the subject resided at the JOHN JAY BUILDING, on the campus from April 4, 1946 to May 11, 1946 and then moved to 510 West 113th Street, New York City.

Mr. JOHN UHL, a clerk employed in Room 125 Livingstone Hall, advised that he lived across the corridor from the subject while the latter resided at the JOHN JAY BUILDING and that on one occasion when the subject visited him in his room he indicated that he was covering United Nations activities for the newspaper "PM". Mr. UHL stated the subject once indicated that he left India because pressure was brought to bear on him. UHL stated that he did not elaborate on the nature of this pressure and he was unable to furnish any information pertinent to the subject's political views or leanings.

From a discreet surveillance of the building at 510 West 113th Street, New York City, where subject claims to be residing it was disclosed that the property is an apartment house known as The Galanthea, which is rented chiefly to Columbia University students. Subject's name did not appear on the public register in the hall of the building nor on the mail boxes.

In this connection it is to be noted that on September 19, 1946 Confidential Informant T-3 advised that according to his source subject was unable to re-obtain living quarters at 510 West 113th Street upon his return to the city from the tour and is presently residing temporarily with a Quaker family somewhere on West 121st Street.

Subject's photograph at Columbia University is not yet available in his file, but will be in the near future.

The indices of the New York Field Division were searched for the name and aliases of the subject with negative results.

The following description of the subject was obtained from his file at Columbia University:

NAME

SYED SIBTAY HASAN, was: Syed Sibtay Hasan Rizvi, Saiyed Sibtay Hasan Rizvi, Sibtay Hasan

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BORN	7/31/12 at Azangarh, U. P. (Upper Province), India
CITIZENSHIP	British Indian
FATHER	SYED ALI NEHDI
RELIGION	Mohammedan
MARITAL STATUS	Single
ENTERED U. S.	3/22/46 at Bangor, Maine
HEIGHT	5'6" to 5'7"
WEIGHT	135
BUILD	Thin and delicate
COMPLEXION	Hershey chocolate brown
EYES	Very dark brown
HAIR	Full, glossy, black, with wave
FEATURES	Cultured, smooth shaven
MANNERISMS	Cavalier manner, emotional, enthusiastic
CHARACTERISTICS	Gracious smile, uses excellent English, heavy smoker of cigars and cigarettes.

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BOSTON FIELD DIVISION

At Bangor, Maine:

Will at the office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service examine subject's file, #Q1870-11-7 for all data which is not repetitious of that incorporated in this report.

PHILADELPHIA FIELD DIVISION

At Philadelphia, Pennsylvania:

Will at the central office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service ascertain whether the subject is registered as an alien.

NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

At New York, New York:

Will recontact Confidential Informant T-3 for any additional information he may develop regarding the activities of the subject and to ascertain the subject's present residence.

Will recontact Confidential Informant T-2 for a photograph of the subject and specimens of his handwriting if same have been obtained prior to the preparation of the next report in instant case.

Will forward subject's photographs and handwriting specimens to the Bureau.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of Special Agent John M. Doran, dated **OCT 1 1946** at New York City, can be identified as follows:

T-1 Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau.

T-2 [redacted]
Columbia University, New York City, Office of Admissions, Room 322.

T-3 [redacted]

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

I & N. File at Bangor, Maine reviewed and pertinent information set out.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau File #100-344868.
Report of Special Agent JOHN H. DORAN at New York, dated 10/1/46.

DETAILS:

AT BANGOR, MAINE:

On October 18, 1946, GEORGE LANTZ, Inspector in Charge of the Bangor Office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, produced the file of the Subject. The following information was contained therein.

On March 22, 1946, the Subject entered the United States through the Bangor Maine Office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service under Serial Number 0111-A-56. He possessed a British passport Number 142961 issued by the Passport Officer at Bombay, India on December 3, 1945 and valid to December 3, 1950. His Visa Number was 169, also issued at Bombay under date of February 5, 1946. He furnished his place of birth as Azamgarh, United Provinces of India and he gave his age as thirty-three. He listed his occupation as Student and Author and claimed to be a British Subject. He gave his home address as 96 Walkeshwar Road, Malabar Hill, Bombay, India. He claimed that he had paid for his passage himself and his destination was care of Columbia University, New York City. He had fifty dollars on his person when he arrived. He came into the United States

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at Searsport, Maine, aboard the SS SAGINAW VICTORY. Upon being questioned as to the name of friend or relative in the United States, he furnished the name of Professor M. C. SUNDHURAN, 2635 Sixteenth Street, North West, Washington, D. C.

On April 23, 1946, Mr. LANTZ wrote to Columbia University stating that the University had not yet notified the Immigration Office at Bangor, Maine of the enrollment of the Subject, since he had claimed that as his destination. On May 21, 1946, a reply was received from the Advisor to Foreign Students at Columbia University that the Subject had presented himself but he arrived when it was impossible for him to register and that he would be registered on July 8, 1946. The address of the Subject was given as 303 International House, Riverside Drive, New York City.

There was no other pertinent information in the File at Bangor and this case is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

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